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PART I—Section 1

Notifications relating to Non-Statutory Rules, Regulations and Orders and Resolutions issued by the Ministries of the Government of India (other than the Ministry of Defence) and by the Supreme Court

MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

New Delhi, the 11th November 1953

No. 21-(42)-CT(B)/53.—The Purchase and Disposals Branches of the Office of the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, have been transferred to the administrative control of the Ministry of Works, Housing and Supply with effect from the 1st November, 1953. Those Branches will now form part of the Directorate General of Supplies and Disposals, New Delhi.

2. The Director General of Supplies and Disposals will be the successor of the Textile Commissioner in all contracts for purchase and sale of stores entered into by the Textile Commissioner or his subordinates.

B. K. KOCHAR, Dy. Secy.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL

New Delhi, the 21st November 1953

SUBJECT:—Import of spare parts of major items against licence issued for the import of major item only.

No. 147-ITC(P.N.)/53.—The attention of importers is invited to Public Notices No. 29-ITC(P.N.)/52 and 62-ITC(P.N.)/53, dated the 21st March, 1952 and the 11th April, 1953 respectively wherein the scope of the concession granted for the import of spare parts against licences issued for the import of certain major items has been defined. It has now been decided to extend the scope of the scheme to cover the

following article also. This article may be added to the list of eight items already published in the public notices under reference which may be amended by the following addition—

"(9) Stirrup pumps and trailer pumps falling under S No 71 of Part V of the Import Trade Control Schedule"

SUBJECT—Import of Ball Bearings above 2' in bore (internal) diameter falling under S No 19 (1) (a) (v) of Part II of the Import Trade Control Schedule

No. 148-ITC(P N)/53—The attention of the importers is invited to the following remarks in the remarks column against S No 19 (1) (a) (v) of Part II of the Import Trade Control Schedule in Appendix A to the Red Book for the July-December 1953 period

"Not more than 10 per cent of the permissible value can be utilised for the import of any single type ball bearings specified in Appendix C (3). In cases, however, where the value of the quota licence is Rs 2,000 or less, ball bearings of any single type can be imported to the extent of 20 per cent of the face value of the licence"

2 It has been decided to amend the above remarks as follows—

"Not more than 20 per cent of the permissible value can be utilised for the import of any single type ball bearings specified in Appendix C (3). In cases, however, where the value of the quota licence is Rs 2,000 or less, ball bearings of any single type can be imported to the extent of 40 per cent of the face value of the licence"

3 The Customs authorities have been advised to allow import of the additional quantity of the ball bearings in question accordingly

K B LALL, Joint Secy

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS

New Delhi, the 21st November 1953

No 44(2)-T.B/53.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the continuance of protection to the Pencil Industry on the basis of an enquiry undertaken by it under Section 11(e) read with Sections 13 and 15 of the Tariff Commission Act 1951

2 In its report, the Commission has pointed out that, though the number of units engaged in the manufacture of pencils have gone down there has been an increase of over 100 per cent in the installed capacity. The quality of Indian pencils has also improved. A comparison of the fair ex-works price of Indian made pencils and the lowest c.i.f. prices at which pencils were actually imported in recent months according to the Commission, shows that no protective duty is required in the case of black lead pencils. Further, on the basis of the floor c.i.f. prices fixed by Government in respect of additional licences issued during January-June 1953 for the importation of coloured and copying pencils, no protective duties would be required by these varieties either. Since the existing rate of duty is 66 2/3 per cent on all types of pencils, the Commission considers that there is no case for continuing protection to the industry

3 This recommendation of the Commission has been based on the assumption that the existing rate of import duty as well as the existing restrictions on import would continue. Once protection has been removed from the industry, however, there can be no assurance regarding the level of import duty that will remain in force from time to time. Government, therefore have in consultation with the Commission decided to accept the main recommendation of the Commission that the industry should be de-protected from the end of 1953, subject to the proviso that if at any time the import duty is substantially reduced, it will be open to the industry to ask for a further enquiry by the Commission

4 As regards restriction on imports—both qualitative and quantitative—the policy will continue to be announced each half-year taking into account all the circumstances prevailing at the time of announcement including those to which the Commission has drawn attention

5. The Commission has also recommended that the Government of India should endeavour to obtain the services of a fully-qualified technician to advise the industry on its technical problems in order to help it in further improving the quality of Indian pencils. Government propose to examine, in consultation with the industry, the type of expert it needs and then to consider the manner in which the services of such an expert could be most advantageously obtained

6 The Commission has also made the following ancillary recommendations—

- (1) No licences should be issued in future to any of the pencil manufacturers to import lead or slips for pencil making
- (2) In order to make the pencil industry independent of imports of foreign slats the indigenous slat industry should be developed without any delay. The Development Wing of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry should explore the possibilities of successfully establishing the wood slat industry in the country with special reference to the States of Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Kashmir and West Bengal
- (3) The request of M/s Capital Industries Ltd, Delhi for increased supply of electric power should again be referred to the proper authorities for sympathetic consideration at an early date
- (4) Government should still further tighten up their anti-smuggling measures and also prevent unauthorised importation of pencils under a wrong nomenclature
- (5) All facilities and assistance which the industry is at present receiving from Government including Government patronage for its products but excluding facilities for importation of lead should continue to be extended
- (6) While the producers should do everything to encourage the slat industry in the country, the slat industry in turn should within as short a period as possible, meet their requirements in respect of quality and quantity
- (7) Since the National Physical Laboratory is prepared to undertake the work of treating samples of graphite ore, the indigenous producers should take up the matter direct with the laboratory

7 Government will take necessary steps to implement these as far as possible and would take this opportunity of drawing the attention of the industry to recommendations (6) and (7)

L K JHA, Joint Secy

MINISTRY OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

(Agriculture)

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 11th November 1953

No F 7-5/53-P.C III—The Government of India, having given careful consideration to the need for building up an appropriate machinery for the collection of prices of agricultural commodities, have decided to set up a Committee of Enquiry composed of the following—

- (1) Shri P N Thapar, Adviser, Planning Commission—(Chairman)
- (2) Dr S R Sen, Economic and Statistical Adviser, Ministry of Food and Agriculture
- (3) Dr B Ramamurti, Joint Director, Central Statistical Organisation
- (4) A representative of each State in turn during the period the enquiry is conducted in the State
- (5) Shri J S Sarma, Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Food and Agriculture—(Secretary)

2 The terms of reference of the Committee will be—

- (i) to examine the existing machinery for the reporting of prices of agricultural commodities including cash crops and foodgrains; and
- (ii) to suggest improvements necessary in the existing machinery

3. The Committee shall have access to such official records as may be required for the purpose of the enquiry and is authorised to call and examine such witnesses and to undertake such tours as may be necessary for the purpose. The Committee should submit its report as early as possible and in any case within 2½ months.

H. M. PATEL, Secy.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

New Delhi, the 12th November 1953

No. D.7568/53-H2.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Antiquities (Export Control) Act, 1947 (XXXI of 1947), the Central Government hereby directs that the following amendment shall be made in the Antiquities (Export Control) Rules, 1947, namely:—

For the proviso to sub-rule (2) of rule 5 of the said Rules, the following proviso shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided that no fee shall be payable in respect of an application made—

- (i) by a person on his own behalf for the export of an antiquity which has been allotted to him in accordance with rules made under section 20-B of the Ancient Monuments Preservation Act, 1904; or
- (ii) for the export of an antiquity by or on behalf of the Central Government or any State Government; or
- (iii) for the export of an antiquity which is the personal property of a diplomatic officer of a Foreign or Commonwealth Mission in India.”

ASHFAQUE HUSAIN, Dy. Secy.

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

New Delhi, the 9th November 1953

No. 22(1)/53-SRII.—In supersession of this Ministry's Notification No. 22(1)/53-SRII, dated the 23rd May, 1953, and subsequent amendments the Government of India are pleased to reconstitute the National Committee to organise the work of the Third International Geophysical Year for 1957-58 as under:—

Chairman

1. Dr. K. S. Krishnan, F. R. S., Chairman, Radio Research Committee.

Members

2. Prof. S. K. Mitra, Head of the Institute of Radio Physics and Electronics, 92, Upper Circular Road, Calcutta.
3. Dr. K. R. Ramanathan, Director, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad.
4. Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad.
5. Shri S. Basu, Deputy Director General of Observatories, New Delhi.
6. Representative of Central Board of Geophysics, Calcutta.
7. The President, Geodetic and Research Branch, Dehra Dun.
8. The Director, Solar Physics Observatory, Kodalkanal.
9. The Director, Colaba and Alibag Observatories.

All International contacts in this connection will be maintained through the Ministry of Natural Resources and Scientific Research and correspondence in this regard will be canalised through this Ministry.

T. GONCALVES, Dy. Secy.

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

(Transport Wing)

New Delhi, the 16th November 1953

No. 45-M.T.(1)/52.—In pursuance of paragraph 5 of the scheme for the administration of the Merchant Seamen's Amenities Fund, published with the notification of the late Ministry of Commerce, No. 30-MII (7)/49, dated the 27th August, 1949, and in supersession of all previous notifications on the subject, the Central Government hereby nominates the following as members of the General Committee for management and administration of the said Fund:—

Chairman

1. Shri N. M. Buch, I.C.S., Director General of Shipping.

Vice-Chairmen

2. Shri S. K. Ghosh, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Transport.
3. The Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, or an officer of the Port Trust deputed by him on his behalf.
4. Captain S. G. Karmarkar, I. N.

Secretary

5. Shri Shiv Charan Das, Assistant Director General of Shipping.

D. D. SURI, Under Secy.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR

New Delhi, the 21st November 1953

No. PF. 516(10).—In pursuance of paragraph 4 of the Employees' Provident Funds Scheme, 1952, the Central Government hereby sets up a Regional Committee for the State of Uttar Pradesh, consisting of the following persons namely:—

Chairman nominated by the Central Government

- (1) Shri I. D. N. Sahi, I.C.S., Secretary to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Industries, Labour and Excise Departments, Lucknow.

Two persons nominated by the Central Government on the recommendation of the State Government.

- (2) Shri Santosh Kumar Chaudhri, U.P.S.C., Deputy Secretary to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Industries Department, Lucknow.
- (3) Shri Bharat Narain, I.A.S., Deputy Secretary to the Government of Uttar Pradesh, Finance Department, Lucknow.

Three employers' representatives nominated by the Central Government in consultation with the organizations of employers in the State.

- (4) Shri D. X. De Souza, M/S Elgin Mills Co., Ltd., Kanpur.
- (5) Sardar Inder Singh, M/S Singh Engineering Works, Kanpur.
- (6) Shri S. S. L. Bansal, Secretary, M/S Star Paper Mills Ltd., Bajoria Palace, Saharanpur.

Three employees' representatives nominated by the Central Government in consultation with the organizations of employees in the State.

- (7) Shri Arjun Arora, 11/365 Suiterganj, Kanpur.
- (8) Prof. Jagdish Chandra Dixit, Subhash College, Unnao.
- (9) Shri Virendra Bahadur Singh, C/O Socialist Party, Meson Road, Kanpur.

Non-official members of the Central Board of Trustees ordinarily resident in the State.

- (10) Shri M. L. Bagla, Swadeshi Cotton Mills Co. Ltd., Kanpur.
- (11) Shri Rajaram Shastri, 11/255 Gwaltoli, Kanpur.

N. M. PATNAIK, Dy. Secy.

